



COUNCIL ROCK SOUTH ORCHESTRA

## CROPS Executive Board Meeting Minutes

October 3, 2018

Meeting initiated at 7:00pm- 7:30 (executive), general meeting adjourned at 8:40pm

**Executive Board Meeting Attendees:** Celestine McDonald, Theresa Stratton, Roseann Logan, Gail Culleton, Barbara Tiger, Jacki Kopack, Setoo Desaka, Robyn Rowlands, Denise Gray

Meeting run by C Simon

- Late payments for Spain trip- C. Simon will follow up with individual families...[final payment date is firm!](#)
- Seating Auditions finished. Fitting Night was successful! Thank you volunteers!
- Important October dates:
  - Master-Sectional – Oct. 9 (need snacks!)
    - [Theresa to send out sign up genius ASAP](#)
  - Solo Assessments – week of Oct. 15
  - Fall Festival – Oct. 20
  - Haunted Hayride – Oct. 21
  - WW = Brass, String Sectionals – week of October 22
  - Combined Rehearsal (Costume Party Rehearsal) – Oct. 30
- Ice Cream Party was a lot of fun for new members especially!
- Info packets info is still not fully collected. Teresa Thorwart is keeping record of everything. Many students have yet to turn in Commitment forms. Will get after students over the next few weeks. [Mr. Simon will follow up as needed with students](#)
- **CROPS dates for this year:**

August 13 ✓	February 6
September 5 ✓	March 6
October 3 ✓	April 3
November 8 <i>This is a Thursday...this is not an error</i>	May 8
December 5	June 5
January 2	

- Car Wash and Fall Festival on October 20 - Need Chairpersons for Car Wash, Walking Tacos, and Clothing Drive
  - Clothing Drive will be 8am to 1pm
    - Truck will arrive for pick up at 2 (A&E)...they take stuffed animal, clothes, bikes, scooters, handbags, hard toys, bed linens, towels, curtains. No sports equipment, no books, no pots/pans, no glass, no electronics.
      - [Lisa will distribute the fliers](#)
    - Donations are weighed and CROPS gets money based on weight of donations
    - [Info will be forwarded to Susan O'Grady so it goes out on list serve- Theresa](#)
  - Walking Tacos 11am to 3pm
    - Sell sodas as well
  - Fall Fest Car Wash – 9 to 1, Students will sign-up for time-slots 1 ½ hours long
  - Students will be at Car Wash and Walking Tacos
  - Adult volunteers needed to supervise students for Car Wash, Walking Taco Table, and Clothing Drive
    - [Theresa to send out sign up genius](#)

- Haunted Hayride on October 21 with rain date of October 28 (6:00 start) – Theresa has volunteered to coordinate. Tickets and hoagies will need to be ordered ([Theresa will coordinate this](#)). Choir and Band will also be joining us.
  - Exec Board will be introduced at the end of the picnic.
  - Mr. Simon will introduce Theresa, who will introduce each exec board member who can make it.
- Spain Updates!
  - [If you have not watched the Spain “What to expect video”, please do....lots of super info and great glimpse into the trip](#)
  - Benchmark of \$420 for trip due today. Just TWO more payments left – November and December!
  - Numbers are final now. **77 students, 22 family members** have paid deposits! 6 Chaperones will be travelling with us – 105 Total Participants! Similar numbers to Greece Trip.
  - We pay Kingsway International (KI) on the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month. That will give us time to deposit funds and then send one check to KI.
  - About a dozen families are at least 2 months behind in their payments. CROPS could be short of money by the November payment.
    - [Mr. Simon is reaching out to individuals who are late in payments](#)
    - *Final amount for last payment will be pending determination of rental and transport fees once list of instruments is finalized*
    - Exchange concerts will be finalized later this month. The main exchange is in Sevilla.
    - Manuel de Falla Hall in Granada is magnificent. It is a professional hall - concert is all set.
    - The outdoor performance in front of the Toledo Cathedral will be an impressive finale to our tour. A different exchange group will also perform there.
    - Semana Santa observance after performance – historic and notable procession through Toledo streets. I will need to educate students on this amazing event.
    - Students will stay in triples at all 3 hotels. This will be much easier than the Greece trip where they were in triples in Athens and quads on the cruise.
    - The parent group will be on the same bus and the same hotels as students.
    - Bumper stickers (for luggage, instrument cases), and passport holders are among small items that will need to be ordered.
      - [Mr. Simon to coordinate, and he will check with travel agent to determine if passport holders are provided.](#)
  - Other Spain Info
    - [November 17 rehearsal- PASSPORTS ARE DUE.](#)
    - Final list of instruments **MUST** be submitted (including whether taking personal instruments versus borrowing school instruments). Mr. Simon will work with students to determine this; he also will verify that each student has appropriate instrument case for travel. Mr. Simon will start a manifest of instruments, sizes of cases, etc. as this info is required to generate final costs for transport and travel with instruments. Hard cases are required. Smaller instruments can be transported on plane as the student’s carry-on item. Cello, tubas, etc. will be checked. Orch will rent basses there. Students carrying on instruments will plan on taking a SMALL personal bag on plane; ensure it will fit under the airplane seat.
      - Should have extra strings, valve oil, etc. Packing list will be distributed closer to the trip.
      - *Consider updating your home-owners insurance to insure your child’s instrument and bow if indicated.*
    - Passports are kept in the safe at each hotel, collected once they get on first bus and returned prior to flight home for security purposes.
    - [Spain Mandatory Meeting was moved to Monday, March 25 at 7pm](#) due to the Florida Mandatory Meeting placed on original Spain Meeting date of March 19
      - Details about carry-on, money for trip, credit cards, etc. will be discussed closer to the trip date
    - Spain Farewell Concert is Friday, March 29 at 7pm.

- [Travelers will need to have passports processed AND IN HAND by November 17.](#) Directions were sent out via email.
  - Euro Exchange Night is possible – Travelex has also offered to come to either a meeting or concert to exchange euros.
    - Consider credit card pre-loaded, but also good idea to have some euros as well
  - [Passport app MUST be in by Oct 6 to get passport by deadline required by KI](#)
    - **Adults who are traveling who do not have passports already MAY need new birth certificate, as older birth certificates are no longer accepted....PLAN for this! (not likely an issue for our kids, with more recent birth certificates, they should be fine)**
  - Please join CRSOspain on the Remind app. That is group name.
- Orchestra Performances this year:
    - Barnes and Noble – Friday, Dec. 7 (Symphonic)
    - Winter Concert –Wednesday, Dec. 12 Intermission snacks – CROPS
    - Elementary performance- Churchville Elementary – Friday, March 1 1:30pm
    - South Orchestra Pyramid Concert – Friday, March 22
    - Spain Farewell Concert – Friday, March 29
    - Pennsbury Orchestra Festival – Wednesday, May 1
    - Orchestra Festival – Friday, May 10
    - Spring Concert – Wednesday, May 22 Intermission snacks – CROPS
    - Banquet – May 29
      - Deposit paid
    - Senior Awards Night-TBD
  - CROPS Membership form –
    - Sign up sheets:
      - Fall Festival October 20 Car wash Sign up & fundraiser
      - Hayride
        - [Robyn will pick up the hoagies in the afternoon](#)
      - Pizza Nights - 5 nights
      - Snacks for Sectionals
      - Spring Concert and Winter Concert refreshments
      - Truck Rental (Barnes and Noble, Pennsbury)
        - [Still will need help loading and unloading- volunteers? Please email your availability to help to Cropsmail@gmail.com](#)
      - CR Orchestra Festival
        - Huge event- will be all hands on deck
        - Sign up genius prior to event, but **please plan now to assist at the event!**
    - Pizza Nights –Nov. 19, Dec. 10, March 22, March 29 (Spain Farewell), May 20

### Fundraising Updates

- Grocery cards/Hoagies
  - Nov 30 is deadline to get credits for cards
  - [Last date for card orders is Nov 8](#)
- Pancake Breakfast- **will need a chair**
- Book Bowl March 13- waiting on final confirmation of date  
Will need donations and volunteers
- Bag Bingo Update:  
Bag Bingo- Once date is decided: Will need raffle baskets, solicit businesses for donations, volunteers to work that night: tickets, raffles, dabber sales, 50/50. Will need a chair/co-chair.

Bingo- \$100 for annual gambling license fee, \$400 for rental of Ben Wilson, \$100 for machine. Holds 200, but had 110 there last event. BYOB. They set up.

VFW- \$450 for 4 hours, do not provide machine or caller, no license required. Room caps at 150. We can get in 1 hour ahead to set up.

Group thinks VFW will work better. Consider trying this fall. Nov 23, Nov 30 open. Nov 30 may work.

10 games, 4 specials so 14 bags needed.

Executive board to discuss and see if fast tracking this is reasonable, to run event in Nov.

Theresa will follow up- if date is available and will work- L Conte and J Kopack will purchase bags, assist T Stratton as needed. Anyone interested in chairing/co-chairing/assisting, please email [Cropsmail@gmail.com](mailto:Cropsmail@gmail.com)  
All volunteers appreciated!

### Theresa Stratton - President

- Cropsmail-Please continue to use [Cropsmail@gmail.com](mailto:Cropsmail@gmail.com) to email about most business. It keeps us in the loop and it makes sure we can get information to the correct people.

President-----	Theresa Stratton
Vice President-----	Gail Culleton
Treasurer-----	Teresa Thorwart
Secretary-----	Jacki Kopack
Trip Treasurer-----	Setoo Dasaka
Membership/Database-----	Setoo Dasaka
Uniform Co-chairs-----	Celestine McDonald and Setoo Dasaka
Master Sectional/SUG-----	Theresa Stratton
Trip Fundraising-----	Theresa Stratton
Sunshine-----	Rosann Logan
Winter/Spring Concerts Co-Chair-----	Denise Gray and Jeanne Weisblatt
Banquet Co-chairs-----	Celestine McDonald, Dara Zivotovsky, Setoo Dasaka
Orchestra Festival-----	Gail Culleton and Robyn Rowlands
Fall Festival/Hayride-----	Theresa Stratton
Photography Co-chairs-----	Silvia Aquino and Barbara Tiger
Publicity-----	Lisa Woolcott

Respectfully submitted,

Jacki Kopack

CROPS secretary